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To: PGr4268098@aol.com; Wilson, Thomas
Cc: Mihelich, Leonard; Eakin, Ira
Subject: RE: 3/23/10 issues board meeting

Pastor Graves,

I am going to forward your request to Tom Wilson here at MSP. He is the religious activities coordinator and will be able to help you with some suggested ways to get your religious materials to inmates. I will also present your concerns into the Prison Issues during the public comment period to see if they would like to respond or consider any action.

Thanks,

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To: Smith, Patrick

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Dear Mr. Smith:

Delightfully I heard the prison board will be meeting on the 23rd of this month to discuss a number of issues one of which I would request be presented at that meeting and that being the receiving of religious materials by inmates.

Hopefully my input is correct and to the point as the listing for your agenda was not specific.

I am the pastor of a fellowship in Corvallis, MT called In One Hope Ministries and the Northwest area director for an international program called The Most Excellent Way, which is strictly a Bible based program to support men and women desiring to be free of drug, alcohol, gambling and any other self-centered destructive compulsive behaviors.

The current procedure of inmates receiving publications to initiate or continue within this program or other Christian studies or literature is somewhat restrictive as many of the publications are church originated and therefore do not carry an ISB number or other national listings and of course would not be coming from a book store or publisher.

Some of the publications I would like to send to inmates are difficult to do as the current ruling is that any publication coming from a publishing company must have the senders name on an exterior receipt to assure the sender is on the inmates visiting approval list. Many publishers and bookstores simply don't operate that way for their cost evaluations of doing business.

I realize and appreciate your efforts to prevent subversive materials from entering the facility. I also realize your efforts would be curtailed do to the man hours required to keep an eye on everything that does enter your facility. If there is anything I can do to assist you with ideas that will help meet your needs and the desire of religious organizations being able to provide more complete study programs for inmates please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely, Pastor Paul Graves

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